

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 27 beginning at line 25, as follows:

In another embodiment of the wound dressing exemplified in FIG. 17, the backing layer 16 may be configured so as to define a border section 45 that extends beyond the border of the absorbent core 14 and the facing layer 12 disposed thereon. The border section 45 of the backing layer 16 preferably surrounds the peripheral edges of the absorbent core 14 and the facing layer 12. The border section 45 of the backing layer 16 may be provided with a skin adherent adhesive or an elastomeric gel that is preferably tackier than the facing layer 12. The stronger adhesion of the border section 45 of the backing layer 16 permits the dressing 10 to remain firmly in place over a wound site. In this embodiment, the facing layer 12 preferably has a gentle adhesion that will prevent traumatization of a wound upon removal therefrom. The proximal surface of the facing layer 12 and the proximal surface of the border portion 45 of the backing layer 16 carrying the skin adherent adhesive or an elastomeric gel lie along the same plane and are thereby co-planar.